

# **TIPP CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**APRIL 6, 2009**

## **Study Session**

City Manager Jon Crusey opened the Study Session at 6:30 p.m. on this date.

## **Roll Call**

Council Members in attendance included: William D. Beagle, George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, John E. Kessler, Dolores Gillis, Mayor Tim Evans, and Vickie Blakey. Others in attendance included: Law Director Joseph P. Moore, Assistant City Manager Bradley Vath, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, *Dayton Daily News* reporter Nancy Bowman, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

## **Discussion – Evanston Road Resurfacing**

Mr. Vath presented a Stimulus Project Update and informed Council that the City has received \$290,316 for repaving Evanston Road. This money will be refunded to the City at the completion of the project. Therefore, an ordinance will be brought before Council at an upcoming meeting appropriating the \$290,316. The project is required to be completed by November 1, 2009, but Mr. Vath hopes it will be completed prior to the start of school.

In conjunction with the Evanston Road repaving project is installation of eight ADA ramps along Evanston Road from CR25A to South Hyatt Street at a cost of \$6,500. This project will be expensed from the 2009 Curb & Sidewalk line item in the CIP Reserve Fund and will be completed by April 15, 2009.

## **Stop Signs Bellaire & Arapaho**

Mr. Vagedes advised Council that there is an ordinance in place that states the City Manager must keep a list of all stop signs within the City. There is not currently an enforceable list which is what precipitated the review of stop signs throughout the City by the Engineering Department. After review of the location of stop signs and the Ohio Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices, it was agreed to change stop signs at several locations: Bellaire and Arapaho, Windsor Crossing, and Tweed Woods. The Engineering Department made the appropriate changes, but neglected to inform citizens or the City Manager that these changes were going to be made and why. A petition was presented to the City Manager from the residents in the Bellaire/Arapaho neighborhood requesting that the stop signs be returned to their original location for safety reasons. As a temporary fix to this problem, a four-way stop was put in place until additional information could be reviewed. After another review of the Ohio Manual of Traffic Control Devices, it was determined that the initial change made by the Engineering Department was the appropriate change and Mr. Vagedes requested Council's approval to remove the four way stop and return the signs as previously changed. Mayor Evans stated that he lives in this area and he believes that the change made by the Engineering Department was the correct one. After further discussion, Council requested that the City hold a public meeting with residents of this area to discuss the stop signs and the reasons for the change. Letters will be sent to residents and a public meeting will be held in the near future.

## **Liquor Permit Renewals**

Mr. Crusey informed Council that the Ohio Department of Liquor Control sent their annual notice that all permits in Tipp City would expire 6/1/09 and if there were any issues with any of the businesses and their liquor license, now would be the time to address them. Council had no problems

**Adjournment**

with renewing all liquor licenses.

The study session concluded at 7:15 p.m.

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Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council

# **TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**APRIL 6, 2009**

## **Roll Call**

President Patrick A. Hale called to order the regular meeting of the Tipp City Council at 7:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present: William D. Beagle, George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, Dolores Gillis, Vickie Blakey, Mayor Evans, and John E. Kessler.

Others in attendance: City Manager Jon Crusey, Law Director Joseph P. Moore, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Assistant City Manager Bradley C. Vath, Police Chief Tom Davidson, Utilities Director Mo Eichman, *Dayton Daily News* reporter Nancy Bowman, *Sunday Record Herald* reporter Joyell Nevins, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Guests signing the register included: Rose Pounds, Jordan Gaston, Jessie Brogden, Steven Chaney, Kendra Franz, Mark Mabelitini, Jennifer Myers, Josh Kiesel, Tyler Bert, Steven Berger, Jason Bruns, Elizabeth McD, Wayne, Megan Weir, Allison Hinde, Mr. Stallard, Joe Gibson, Patty Ash, Larry Riesser, Karen Jackson, Mary Kate Sowder, Gary Weldon.

## **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Gary Weldon from the Crossroad Christian Fellowship delivered the invocation and President Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by a motion from Mr. Lovett, seconded by Mrs. Gillis.

## **Adoption of Minutes**

Mr. Beagle moved, seconded by Mr. Lovett, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Pre-Meeting Study Session. The motion carried 7-0.

President Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards**

Mayor Evans named April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week and presented a Proclamation to Mark Mabelitini Director of the Tipp City Public Library and Library Board Members.

## **Ordinance (Second Reading) Ordinance 09-09 TFAC Rates**

The following ordinances were presented to City Council for second reading and public hearing.

Ordinance No. 09-09: An ordinance establishing seasonal and daily pass rates and related usage fees and charges for patrons of the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center.

Clerk of Council Summary: This ordinance establishes a fee schedule for daily, seasonal, and special use admissions to the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center in 2009.

City Manager Report: The adoption of this ordinance would increase daily fee admissions to the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center from \$5 to \$6 for youths (3-17) and from \$6 to \$7 for adults (18+). The daily admission for

seniors would remain at \$5. The cost for punch cards is also being adjusted to reflect the increase in the daily fees. Council discussed Aquatic Center rates during Study Sessions on December 15, 2008 and February 17, 2009.

Mr. Beagle sponsored this ordinance and moved for its adoption, seconded by Mr. Kessler. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Ordinance 09-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinance 10-09  
Utility Charges**

Ordinance 10-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 53.01 of the Codified Ordinances to remove Exhibit A, the Electric Utility Charges, from the General Rules and Regulations of the Electric Utility Department.

Clerk of Council Summary: This ordinance removes the Electric Utility Charges from the General Rules and Regulations of the Electric Utility Department therefore allowing it to be part of the utility fee schedule.

City Manager Report: The adoption of this ordinance would amend Chapter 53 Electricity Regulations by removing Exhibit "A" - CHARGES FOR CONNECTION & RECONNECTION AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES. The following ordinance, if adopted, would enact amended Utility Fees and incorporate them into the existing Schedule of Fees.

Mrs. Blakey sponsored this ordinance and moved for its adoption, seconded by President Hale. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Ordinance 10-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinance 11-09  
Schedule of Fees**

Ordinance 11-09: An ordinance amending our schedule of fees to include Utility Fees.

Clerk of Council Summary: Council held a study session recommending changes to the utility fee schedule which are represented in this ordinance.

City Manager Report: The adoption of this ordinance would incorporate amended utility fees into the existing Schedule of Fees. The previous ordinance, if adopted, would remove said fees from Chapter 53 Electricity Regulations. The amended fees are more reflective of actual costs incurred by the City for the provision of such services. Council reviewed the amended fees during a March 2, 2009, Study Session and directed staff to draft legislation enacting the fees, as presented.

Mr. Kessler sponsored this ordinance and moved for its adoption, seconded by Mr. Lovett. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Ordinance 11-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Resolutions  
(One Reading Required)**

The following resolutions were presented to City Council for adoption.

**Resolution 16-09**

Resolution No. 16-09: A resolution authorizing a contract with Sturm Construction Inc. of Sidney, Ohio for the Rohrer's Run Sanitary Sewer Extension Project at a cost of \$34,786.00.

Clerk of Council Summary: Nine bids were received for this project with lowest and best bid being from Sturm Construction Inc. of Sidney, Ohio.

City Manager Report - Rohrer's Run Sanitary Sewer Project – The Rohrer's Run realignment project involves the replacement of about 4 spans of sanitary sewer pipe which have heaved above grade in the creek crossing behind the Honda dealership. The new pipe installation will involve installation of new pipe encased in concrete to add to its weight and reduce its buoyancy. Gabion baskets will also be installed in the creek bed for erosion protection. The original pipe was installed in 1994. There is very little flow in this area so it has caused no back-ups but the problem needs to be addressed.

Bids for the Rohrer's Run Sanitary Sewer Project were opened on March 12th. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$52,440. Nine bids were received ranging from a low of \$34,786 to a high of \$69,500. Funds for this project were appropriated and encumbered in 2007. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sturm Construction of Sidney at a cost of \$34,786.40

There being no further discussion, Mrs. Blakey sponsored this resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Gillis.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Resolution 16-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

#### **Motions**

Promotion in Fire Department

A motion was made by President Hale and seconded by Mrs. Blakey to fill two vacant Lieutenant positions in the Fire Department. Motion was approved 6-1; Mr. Kessler cast the dissenting vote.

#### **Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **Councilmember Comments**

Mr. Lovett informed residents that the Rohrer's Run project funds were initially appropriated in 2007. The Engineers Estimate was approximately \$52,000 but the project will now be completed for less than \$35,000. He also informed residents that he voted yes on the hiring of two Lieutenants in the Fire Department for safety reasons and stated he feels it is important to keep Fire, EMS, and the Police Department staffed. Mr. Lovett requested that Mr. Eichman approach the podium to provide information regarding the notice Council received from Vectren regarding their new policy for repairs and replacements of gas service lines and meters. Mr. Eichman reported that Vectren will now assume responsibility for these items. Previously, gas service lines repair/replacement was the responsibility of the property owners. Now, if Vectren does repair/replacement the equipment it becomes the property of Vectren and they are responsible for repair and replacement. The lines inside the house have always been and are still the responsibility of the customer.

Mrs. Gillis stated that Mr. Vath prepared a grant application for work to be done at Exit 69. She recently talked with Brad Lightle, Transportation Planning & Programs Administrator with the Ohio Department of Transportation, who complimented Mr. Vath on the grant application that was

recently submitted. He informed Mrs. Gillis that it was exceptional and would be used as a model for other applications. Mrs. Gillis congratulated Mr. Vath for a job well done.

Mr. Beagle reported that Tipp Monroe Community Services recently held their Board meeting and installed new officers. TMCS officers are: Carli Amlin-Dean – President, Lora Heddleston – Vice-President, Secretary – Carol Helman, and Treasurer – Debra Jackson.

Mr. Kessler noted that a lot of churches would be holding special Easter services and encouraged residents to attend. He reminded everyone of the Eagles Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**City Manager Comments**

Mr. Crusey noted that the positions in the Fire Department that Council just approved are volunteer positions, not full-time employees. Mr. Crusey reported that 163 responses were received from the community survey and results will be brought back to Council at an upcoming meeting. He also noted that income taxes were down for the month of March, but up 2.3% for the year.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

President Hale made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session after the meeting to include City Council, Mr. Crusey, and Mr. Vath to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gillis and unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

Council adjourned the Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. with a motion made by Mrs. Blakey, seconded by Mr. Lovett.

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Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council